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Woman Sentenced to Prison for Fatally Shooting Friend in Carson

A 30-year-old woman was sentenced today to 50 years to life in state prison for killing her friend in 2015, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On May 12, a jury found Vershonda Charisse Sneed guilty of first-degree murder in case TA137551.

Jurors also found true a special allegation that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, which caused great bodily injury and death.

Deputy District Attorney Shannon Cooley, who prosecuted the case, said Sneed and victim Bobby King, 34, were very good friends, however tension had developed between the two.

On the evening of June 25, 2015, Sneed went to a friend's home in Carson and then shot the victim eight times when he arrived at the house.

Following the attack, Sneed left the scene, according to the prosecutor.

Authorities were called and King was taken to the hospital for treatment, but ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

Law enforcement located Sneed soon after the incident and she was arrested in connection with the killing.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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